

## **Veterans Legislation Supported by Congressman Garamendi**

### **H.R. 164 by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)**

Would permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

### **H.R. 333 by Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA)**

Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act

Would permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt. Would also extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to Chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service.

### **H.R. 411 by Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)**

Fort McClellan Health Registry Act

Would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama who were potentially exposed to dangerous toxic chemicals to make it easier to secure just compensation and treatment.

### **H.R. 543 by Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY)**

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013

Would require a comprehensive search of ships and crews who served on boats in Vietnam and were potentially exposed to Agent Orange, reducing the wait time when new claims are filed by these servicemembers.

### **H.R. 813 by Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)**

Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013

Would require Congress to fully fund the Department of Veterans Affairs' discretionary budget a year ahead of schedule, ensuring that all VA services will have timely, predictable funding in an era where continuing resolutions and threats of government shutdowns are all too frequent.

### **H.R. 1729 by Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)**

LVA Claims, Operations, and Records Efficiency Act

Would modernize the record-keeping of veterans' information for the Department of Veteran Affairs by transitioning to an efficient, electronic format.

### **H.R. 2001 by Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY)**

Veterans E-Health & Telemedicine Support Act of 2013

Would improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine.

**H.R. 2654 by Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)**

Veterans and Servicemembers Employment Rights and Housing Act of 2013

Would prohibit employers from discriminating against veterans and servicemembers for purposes of employment and housing.

**H.R. 3098 by Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA)**

Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act

Would give the families of certain service disabled veteran-owned small businesses three years to transition to a different classification upon the death of the service disabled veteran.

**H.R. 3493 by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI)**

Servicemembers Transition Improvement Act of 2013

Would require a pilot program to facilitate the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian life.

**H.R. 3600 by Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL)**

GI Education Benefit Fairness Act

Would clarify rules on transferring educational assistance under the Post-9/11 GI Bill to make sure eligible family members are not excluded.

**H.R. 4184 by Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)**

Would clarify the manner in which an advance payment of initial educational assistance paid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is charged against the entitlement of a veteran to such assistance.

**H.R. 4399 by Rep. Michael Michaud (D-ME)**

Comprehensive Department of Veterans Affairs Performance Management and Accountability Reform Act of 2014

Would improve the performance appraisal system for senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs.